

MA European Union Studies

Pre-Master European Union Studies

MA European Politics and Society (2 year)

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Leiden**
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MA International Relations Specialisations

- **European Union Studies**
- Culture and Politics
- Global Conflict in the Modern Era
- Global Order in Historical Perspective
- Global Political Economy



MA European Union Studies

- Interdisciplinarity
- Teaching staff
 - Academic staff
 - Practitioners
- Leiden - The Hague
- International Student Body



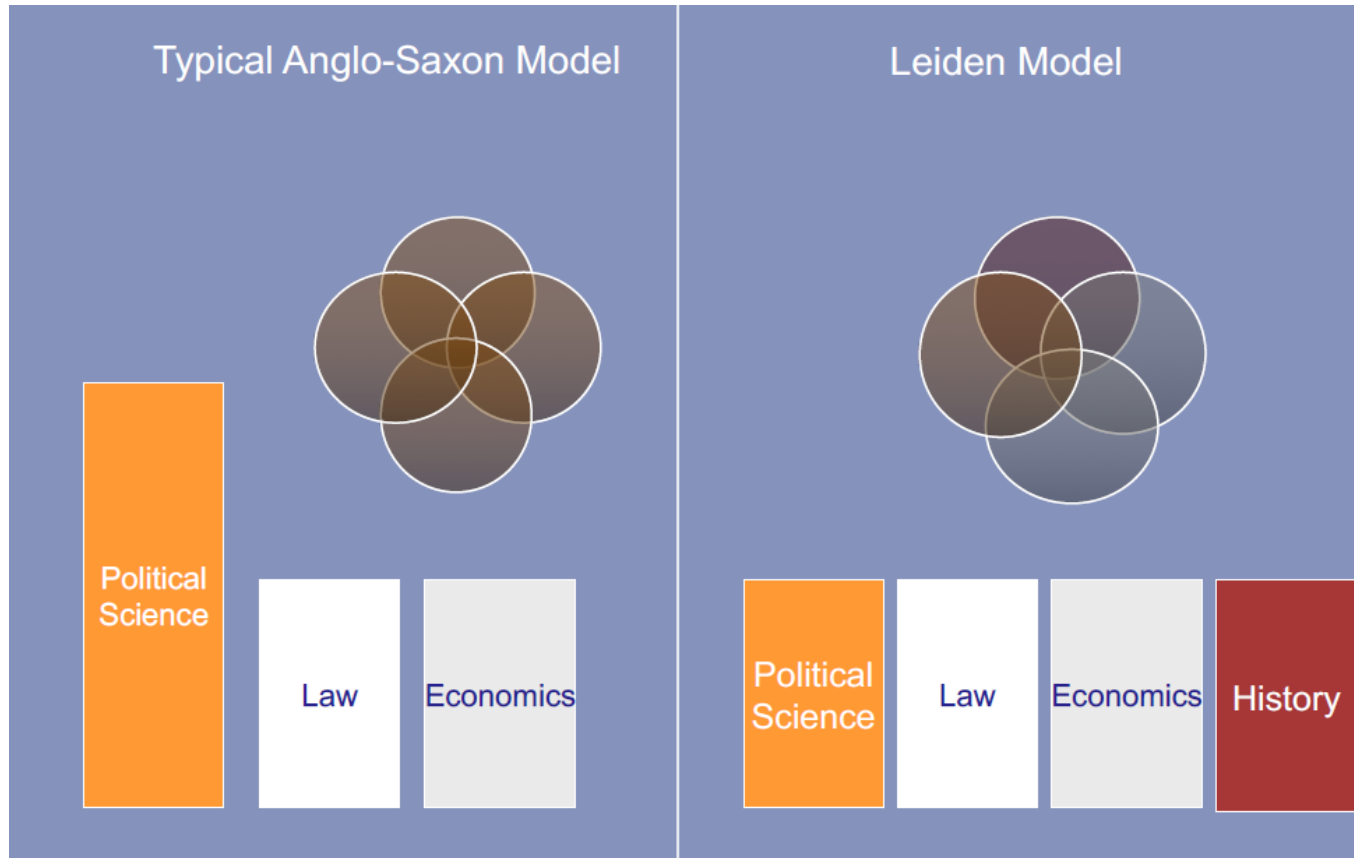
MA European Union Studies Students

- Our students are **highly motivated students**.
- Our students have **diverse** backgrounds, about 40% are international students (both EU and non-EU students).
- We offer **research-based** teaching and learning.
- You will have about **6-8 contact hours** per week (lectures, tutorials, seminars).
- You will devote most of your time to **self-study** (about 30 hours per week).

Second MA at Bologna: International Affairs

- Due to a special agreement, it is possible to earn a second master's degree in International Affairs at the [Johns Hopkins Bologna Center in Italy](#).
- After admission to Johns Hopkins, a Leiden MA in International Relations gives you access to the second year of the MA in International Affairs
- Candidates admitted to the Bologna programme would be given a full year's credit towards this two-year MA
- Cross-disciplinary approach with courses emphasising Economics, Political Science, History and foreign language proficiency

MA European Union Studies: Structure



MA EU Studies: Course Structure

Semester 1	Semester 2
History of European Integration (5 EC)	3 electives (15 EC total)
Institutions of the EU (5 EC)	Thesis (15 EC)
EU Law (5 EC)	
Economics of the EU (5 EC)	
Regionalism in World Politics (5 EC)	
Thesis Seminar and Methods in International Relations Research (5 EC)	

Examples of elective courses

Elective

European External Relations: the neighborhood and beyond

External Economic Relations

Economic and Monetary Union

European Environmental Policy & Law

EU Public Affairs and Lobbying

Migration Law and Policy in the EU

Justice and Home Affairs

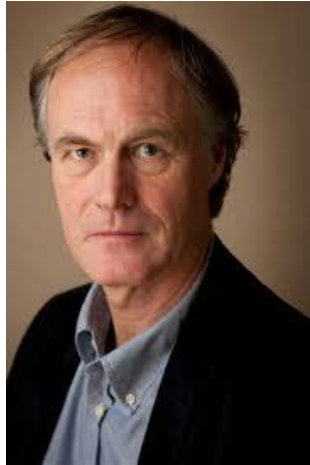
Social Europe

Thesis Subjects

- European Identity and the Eastern Enlargement of the European Union
- European energy policy and EU-Russia relations
- Regional and minority languages in the European Union: a comparative study
- The EU as a global foreign policy actor on the international scene
- The European Union's reaction to the refugee crisis– between
- Securitization and human rights protection
- Europa and the European Union: European and Scottish National
- Identity in Scotland 2007-2018
- Eurasian Economic Union: World's Next Superpower or another Paper Tiger?

Leiden ↔ The Hague

- European Seminar
- National or international politicians and officials
- Journalists
- Academics



Roel Janssen



Margriet Drent



Jaap de Hoop
Scheffer

Internships

In the past years many Leiden European Union Studies students have completed internships at organisations, including:

- EU institutions
- International Center for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT)
- United Nations (UN)
- Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

You can exchange one elective for an internship or you can do this as an extracurricular activity.

Contact [Career Service](#) for advice on internships and work preparation

Trip to Brussels

Three day trip to Brussels, typically visiting:

- *EU institutions: European Council, European Commission &*
- *European Parliament*
- *Committee of the Regions*
- *Dutch representation in Brussels*
- *Dinner and drinks with the MA EUS alumni working in Brussels*



Your future job prospects?

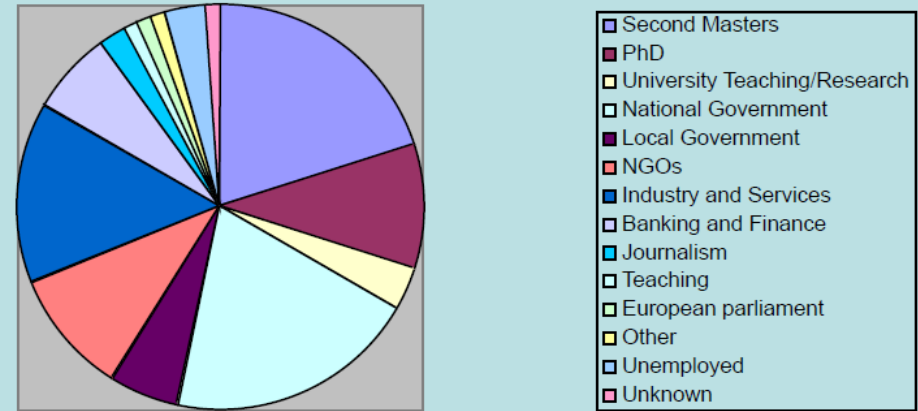
71% of alumni find a job within 2 months.

74% immediately find a professional university or academic level job.

More or less 48% find first job their personal network (family, friends, lecturers, internship, job)

27% find first job via vacancy, 6% are asked to continue to work at the organization of their internship.

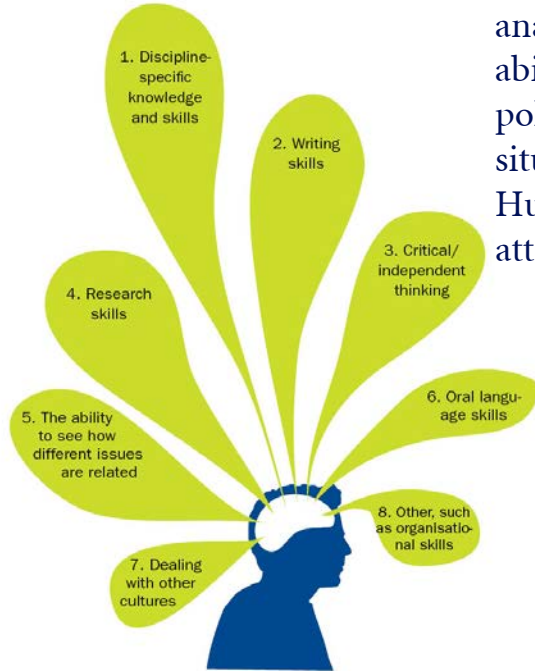
First Employment of MA-EUS Graduates



Some examples of jobs of our alumni

Distinguishing skills

According to graduates



Research shows that:

Good writing and analytical skills, and their ability to handle complex policy and business situations make Humanities graduates attractive.

- Parliamentary assistant and political advisor,
- European Parliament
- Staff Officer Political Affairs & Security Policy,
- NATO, Brussels
- Negotiator EU budget, Ministry of Finance (NL)
- Scientific Council for Government Policy (NL: WRR)
- Industrial and Economic Policy advisor,
- Bundesverband der Deutschen Zementindustrie
- Personal Assistant to the Prosecutor, Tribunal for Lebanon
- Freelance Journalist at ToshiTimes

Admission Requirements

- You will need a BA degree from a university in the field of social sciences, humanities, law or economics.
- A good academic record of an average grade of 7.0 out of 10 (or the equivalent there of) for the Bachelor's thesis, and/or other indicators
- A completed minor in European Union Studies at Leiden University or components worth at least 30 EC in the field of contemporary European studies with comparable content and course objectives.
- IELTS 7.0 or TOEFL 100/250/600 (7.0 in writing and speaking)
- Students with a HBO-diploma cannot be admitted, but there is a [pre-master programme](#).
- Provide a motivation letter, two reference letters, transcript of records, CV.
- From September 2018: minimum grade requirements and limited number of students (maximum of 80 places: 60 in September and 20 in February).

Want to do EUS but don't have the background?

1 year Pre-Masters programme - structure

Semester 1

- History of European Integration 5 EC
- Institutions of the EU 5 EC
- The EU Today 5 EC
- Academic Skills I Pre-MA 5 EC
- European Seminar

Semester 2

- The Political Economy of the EU 5 EC
- 2 electives 10 EC
- Pre-Master Thesis 10 EC
- Thesis production
- European Seminar

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<http://www.epsmaster.eu/>

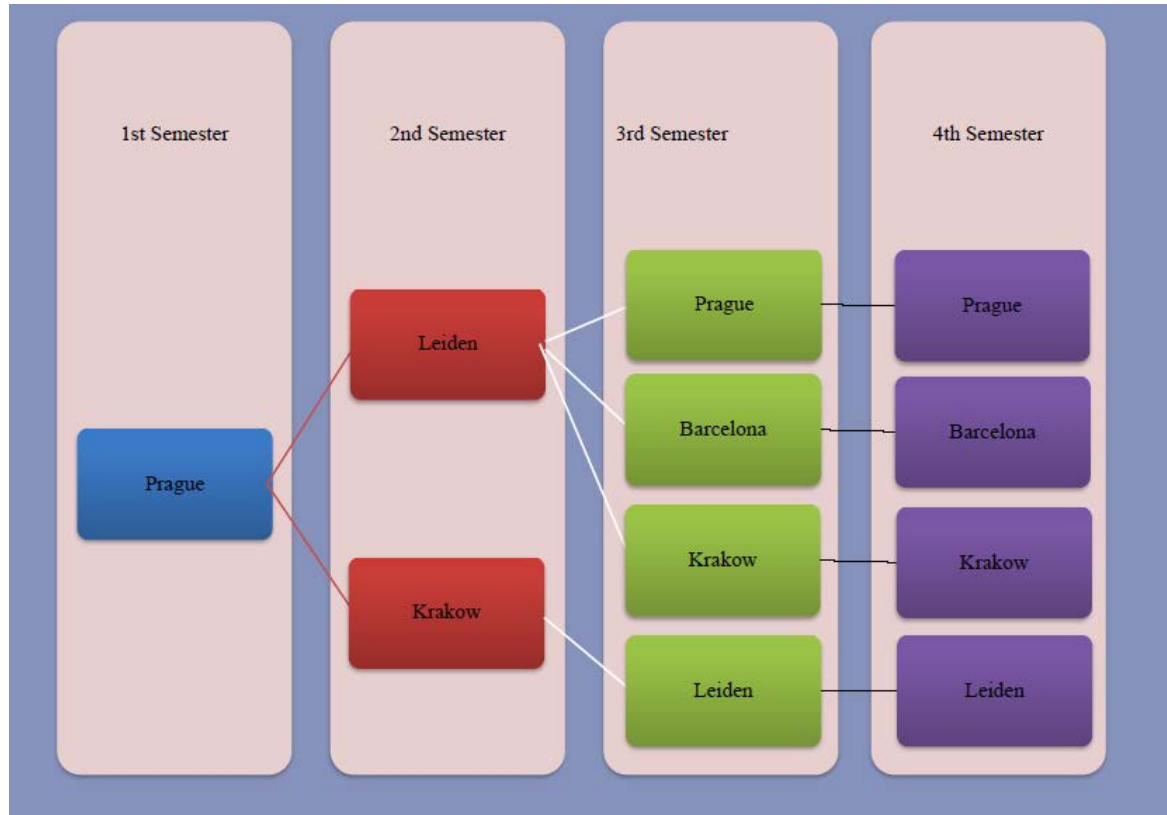
- See particularly for information on scholarships and admissions

Two Year MA

Four partner universities:

- Charles University, Prague
- Jagiellonian University, Krakow
- Leiden University
- Pompeu Fabre University, Barcelona

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Credit structure	ECTS	Form	Number
1 st Semester (Prague)	30	Obligatory	5 Courses
2 nd Semester (Kracow, Leiden)	20 10	Obligatory Facultative	4 Courses 1-2 Courses
2 nd Year Practice Strand (Leiden, Prague, Kracow)	30 15 15	Obligatory Internship Facultative	Thesis Internship 3 Courses
2 nd Year Research Strand (Barcelona)	30 15 15	Obligatory Methodology Facultative	Thesis 3 Courses 2-3 Courses
	120		

Ancillary Activities

- Second & fourth semester: Barcelona Research Seminar
- Third Semester: Brussels Field Trip
- Fourth Semester: Oxford Spring School

Apply Now!

Have you made your decision yet?

- Start your application for the [MA European Union Studies](#)
- Start your application for the [Pre-Master European Union Studies](#)
- Start your application for the [MA European Politics and Society](#)

- You can submit your application through Leiden University's online application system after you have registered on Studielink.
- **Deadline for September '19 intake: April 1st for all students.**
- For more information, please visit:

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/education/studyprogrammes/master/international-relations>

Questions?

- On practical matters, please get in touch with the Coordinator of Studies, Janneke Walstra, stucomair@hum.leidenuniv.nl
- On the contents of these programmes please get in touch with Dr. Maxine David m.e.l.david@hum.leidenuniv.nl
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